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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

FRENCH ET AL.

Examiner

Isaac M Woo

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 June 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to Applicant's Amendments, filed on June 25, 2004 have been considered but are deemed moot in view of new ground of rejections below.
2. Claims 1, 3, 10-11, 13, 17, 19 and 26 are amended. Claims 1-26 are pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Montague et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,675,782, hereinafter, "Montague").

With respect to claims 1, 11 and 17, Montague discloses, receiving an access request for one or more users requesting access to one or more databases, see (col. 11, lines 48-65, 200, fig. 9, col. 12, lines 35-67 to col. 13, lines 1-64, col. 6, lines 31-48, request is entered by user); retrieving server information for the one or more databases, see (fig. 6, col. 10, lines 42-67 to col. 11, lines 1-18); adding the one or more users to a user group for the database, see (fig. 5, col. 8, lines 20-60, col. 6, lines 31-48);

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generating an access document (ACL, access control list, col. 1, lines 63-67 to col. 2, lines 1-10, col. 11, lines 48-65) for each user, the access document (ACL, access control list, col. 11, lines 48-65) containing the sever information for use in connecting to the one or more databases, see (col. 11, lines 48-65); and transmitting the respective access document (ACL, access control list, col. 11, lines 48-65) to each user, see (col. 11, lines 48-65, ACL is accessed (transmitted) by user inquiry).

With respect to claims 2, 12 and 18, Montague discloses, creating a member profile for each user of the database, see (fig. 5, fig. 6, col. 8, lines 21-60).

With respect to claims 3, 13 and 19, Montague discloses, the document contains the server information in viewable form for use in manually connecting to the one or more database, see (fig. 5, fig. 6, col. 8, lines 21-60).

With respect to claims 4, 14 and 20, Montague discloses, determining a user group type for the database, see (fig. 5, fig. 6, col. 8, lines 21-60).

With respect to claims 5, 15 and 21, Montague discloses, verifying administration authority of a database administrator who processed the access request, see (fig. 5, fig. 6, col. 8, lines 21-60).

With respect to claims 6, 16 and 22, Montague discloses, verifying administration authority of a database administrator who processed the access request, see (col. 6, lines 31-67 to col. 7, lines 1-15).

With respect to claims 7 and 23, Montague discloses, access request specifies one or more types of access being requested, see (fig. 9, col. 12, lines 35-67 to col. 13, lines 1-64).

With respect to claims 8 and 24, Montague discloses, server information includes a server name and an IP address, see (fig. 5, fig. 6, col. 8, lines 21-60).

With respect to claims 9 and 25, Montague discloses, user group comprises a name and address book, see (fig. 5, fig. 6, col. 8, lines 21-60, col. 12, lines 35-67 to col. 13, lines 1-64).

With respect to claims 10 and 26, Montague discloses, access document includes an access button which automates creation of an connection document on a user/client system for connecting to a server using the server information, see (fig. 5, fig. 6, col. 8, lines 21-60, col. 12, lines 35-67 to col. 13, lines 1-64).

Conclusion

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.


Contact Information

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Isaac M Woo whose telephone number is (571) 272-4043. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John E Breene can be reached on (571) 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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